

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OHIO JUDICIAL CON- FERENCE

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the Ohio Judicial Conference on the celebration of their 50th anniversary.

For 50 years, the Ohio Judicial Conference has worked to maintain the coequal status of the judicial branch of government in relation to the legislative and executive branches while furthering its goal of informing the public about the judicial system. Furthermore, they have worked to provide leadership to those involved in the Ohio judicial system and uniformity in the application of law. The Ohio Judicial Conference holds values such as stewardship, service, and communication in high regard, and these values have enabled the success which the organization enjoys today.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I proudly recognize the Ohio Judicial Conference. They have put forth a great deal of effort into their cause and have been rewarded with much success. I look forward to seeing what the next 50 years will hold for this organization.

CONGRATULATING TONY SKINNER

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I pay tribute to Tony Skinner, a highly dedicated Ventura County resident, whose commitment to the development and growth of today's skilled labor force is remarkable and commendable.

For the past 10 years, Tony has served as the President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local #952. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers represents 750,000 active members and retirees who work in a wide variety of fields, including utilities, construction, telecommunications, broadcasting, and manufacturing. Under his leadership, IBEW Local #952 has been instrumental in ensuring the strengthening and prosperity of Ventura County's technical and high-skilled occupations.

Tony has worked to organize, mobilize, reach out to community partners, and build coalitions to change people's lives. He has been a staunch and unwavering leader in the labor community that has dedicated his career to working for our county's working families.

As an advocate for technical and vocational training in the region, he has worked to bring to fruition a vision for a strong and relevant 21st century workforce. Tony founded the Ar-

chitecture, Construction and Engineering High School in Camarillo, a unique and distinctive school that seeks to prepare students for construction affiliated careers through demanding circumstantial, hands-on curriculum that prepares them for higher education, apprenticeship programs, or a career. Tony currently presides as the President of the Board of Directors for the school.

In addition, Tony's service to the community is extensive. He currently serves on multiple local industry associations and boards including the Tri-Counties Central Labor Council, the Ventura County Workforce Investment Board, and the Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County.

Tony personifies dedication and commitment to the growing workforce in Ventura County. I am pleased to join Ventura County's Tri-Counties Building and Construction Trades Council in honoring Tony Skinner as a true champion of America's workers.

HONORING GEORGIA SHAPE HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate 19 schools in Georgia's 11th District for being awarded medals in the SHAPE Honor Roll program.

As a former member of the Marietta school board, it is a great source of pride to see students back home working hard to create healthy habits that will last them a lifetime.

Under the leadership of Governor Deal last year, the SHAPE program began as a statewide initiative in Georgia to help combat childhood obesity and create lifelong healthy habits through physical activity, nutrition, and wellness. Since then, a dedicated network of partners, agencies, and athletic teams have joined forces in their commitment to helping Georgia's youth achieve a greater level of fitness and commend public schools that help them do so.

This year's esteemed award-winners include public institutions from the elementary to high school level across the state of Georgia. Students, parents, administration officials, and instructors have gone above and beyond their duties in ensuring that their youth understand the mental and physical benefits of a healthy lifestyle, and should look upon this accomplishment with great enthusiasm.

Mr. Speaker, this distinguished group of awarded educational communities has established a benchmark of excellence which schools across the nation should aspire to. On behalf of Georgia's 11th Congressional District, I congratulate these educational communities on this achievement, and extend my deepest thanks for their dedication to the youth of our community.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF MICHAEL VOSBURG-CASEY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary young man, Michael Vosburg-Casey, who passed away on July 31, 2013, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Michael will forever be remembered as a devoted husband to his wife Amy, adoring father of his daughter Elena, and the loving son of Betty and Tom Casey. He will be deeply missed by his brother Dr. Daniel Casey and his wife Sarah and children Megan and Brendan; and by his sister Elizabeth Casey Pereira and her husband Vincent. I count myself blessed to have known the Casey family for many decades, and I'm proud to be among the countless people who know and respect their family.

Michael Casey was born in Redwood City, California on March 13, 1974 and attended local schools. A graduate of Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose and Colby College in Maine, he worked briefly for the San Mateo County Park System. He then joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corp, moved to Texas, then Atlanta, and eventually joined the Open Door Community and worked with the Georgia Justice Project where he met his wife Amy Vosburg. Michael's unswerving faith moved him to take on every cause with a passion—helping the homeless, visiting prisoners, and serving the poor. He devoted his life to pursuing peace and justice, and annually protested against the School of the Americas. Michael's commitment was so great that he willingly served time in federal prison for his beliefs.

His three-year-old daughter was the joy of his life. He brought her with him to visit the sick, to soup kitchens and to demonstrate for peace. He was a piano tuner, a chicken farmer, and he taught his daughter to sing and dance in the rain. Michael was a force for good and a courageous, generous fighter for justice for all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Michael Vosburg-Casey and extend our sympathy to his entire family. His time on earth was brief, but his love of humanity, his decency and his integrity touched countless others, strengthening his community and his country immeasurably.

RECOGNIZING SISTERS HOSPITAL, ST. JOSEPH'S CAMPUS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the St. Joseph's Campus of Sisters

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Hospital as the recipient of the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Large Business of the Year Award.

One of Western New York's premiere medical institutions, Sisters Hospital, St. Joseph's Campus has been recognized by the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association for achieving 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get with the Guidelines Stroke Performance Achievement Indicators. Cleverley and Associates, a prestigious consulting firm in Columbus, Ohio has recognized Sisters as a five-star hospital.

In addition, Sisters Hospital has received numerous awards for the care they provide to members of our community, demonstrating their great work towards improving patient outcomes and their quality of patient care.

A testament to Sisters Hospital's commitment to the community is their ongoing educational classes including Prepared Childbirth Classes, Better Breathers Club, Lifeskills Diabetes 4-part Series, the Savvy Shopper and Taking Performance to the Next Level. These invaluable classes provide information necessary to empower patients to make informed decisions about their health.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize Sisters Hospital, St. Joseph's Campus, a fundamental piece of Western New York's thriving medical community, as it receives this well-deserved award.

CONGRATULATING CHARLES A. REIMER ON HIS RETIREMENT AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS 33 YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND 27 YEARS OF FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Charles A. Reimer, a resident of the 11th District, for his years of service to our country and to congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement following 33 years of military service and 27 years of federal civil service.

Mr. Reimer enlisted in our United States Army in August 1966 and served honorably for 3 years. In 1969, Mr. Reimer began his federal civil service, and, in 1970, he joined the Massachusetts National Guard. For the following 13 years, he served concurrently as a civilian employee in the Department of the Army as well as fulfilling his duties in the Guard.

During this period of concurrent service, Mr. Reimer became an expert in personnel management and focused on development of training programs and enhancement of training through facilities management. His innovative techniques were used to support the development of training programs for the National Park Service, U.S. Marshall Service, U.S. Marine Corps, and other federal and state agencies. In 1980, his expertise was invaluable in helping to implement a new initial entry training for the Army as well as more specialized training for inter-service personnel. Mr. Reimer's civil service evolved to more technical positions in developing strategic education programs aimed at preparing individuals

for senior leadership positions in the military as well as foreign area officers and strategists.

In June, 1983, Mr. Reimer was ordered into Federal Active Duty with the National Guard, where he served with distinction in personnel management and later in the areas of environmental management, diplomacy, and international affairs. His military career culminated with his service as Chief, Africa/Asia/Pacific Division, International Affairs Directorate for the National Guard Bureau. He was released from active duty in August 1999 and returned to federal civil service. His last assignment as the Strategic Planning Officer for the Chief of the National Guard Bureau was a culmination of all the years of service and experience supporting federal, state and local officials and organizations.

In recognition of his exemplary service in uniform and as a civilian federal employee, Mr. Reimer has received numerous decorations, awards, and medals including: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Award (4), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Reserve Component Achievement Medal (7), Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Gold Hour Glass Device, Medal for the Defense of Freedom, Superior Civilian Service Medal (2), Commander's Award for Civilian Service, Army Superior Unit Award (2), Texas Medal of Merit, and Massachusetts Emergency Service Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Charles A. Reimer for his dedication and service to our country while serving in the National Guard and also as a dedicated public servant. I also thank his family for their support and sacrifices which have enabled Charles to contribute so greatly to our country. He has made immeasurable contributions to our nation, and I wish him a healthy, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

HONORING CHELSEA MONAYÉ MARTIN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Chelsea Monayé Martin, a dedicated student, who is making a difference in her community.

Ms. Chelsea Monayé Martin was born on July 31, 1995 to the parents of Barbara Murray and David Martin. She is 17 years old and currently in the 12th grade attending Crystal Springs High School. Her hobbies are playing soccer, reading, singing, and helping others.

Chelsea has been in Girl Scouts for 13 years and has completed over 500 hours of Community Service. Some of her community services consist of volunteering at a number of places such as: Sims House, Stew Pot, Mississippi Department of Human Services and Soup for Elderly and as a Library Assistant.

Chelsea's extracurricular activities include: Students Against Destructive Decisions, Mu Alpha Theta, Lady Tigers Soccer Team, My Sister's Keeper, JROTC and Girl Scouts.

Chelsea's many achievements include: United States National Student Council Award,

Girl Scout Silver Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Highest Average Health Education, Principal's Honor Roll and Mississippi American Legion Auxiliary 2012 Magnolia Girls State.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a talented student, Ms. Chelsea Monayé Martin, for her zeal in actively making a difference in her community.

RECOGNIZING SAHBA ZAARE

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mesa Community College student Sahba Zaare, recipient of a 2013 Phi Theta Kappa Hites Transfer Scholarship, recognizing academic rigor, engagement, and leadership.

Sahba was chosen from over 2,300 applicants to receive this award, which will assist in his attainment of a baccalaureate degree from a senior degree-granting institution. He plans to transfer to Arizona State University, my alma mater, this coming year. Sahba, a Mathematics and Physics major at MCC, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the MCC Honors Program, and has been recognized as a Chancellor's Scholar, Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar, and American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges National Math Contest Winner.

Sahba is a recent immigrant to the United States and through his achievements confirms the promise of our educational system. Our community colleges provide invaluable vocational and technical training while also inspiring students such as Sahba to pursue big dreams and continue their education. It is thanks to institutions such as Mesa Community College and organizations such as the Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa that such opportunities are available.

Given his accomplishment as well as the support provided by Mesa Community College and the collaborating scholarship foundations, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Sahba Zaare for being awarded a Phi Theta Kappa Hites Transfer Scholarship.

HONORING DR. ROY D. MOORE

HON. MELVIN L. WATT

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WATT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a constituent and distinguished veteran, Dr. Roy D. Moore.

For decades, Dr. Moore has dedicated his service to the citizens of Guilford County, the State of North Carolina and our country helping to enhance and protect their quality of life. Dr. Moore was instrumental in organizing and directing programs and initiatives that have added value to communities in Greensboro and across the state of North Carolina, including the first After-School Program for Children at the Hayes Taylor YMCA and the Summer Food Program for children administered by North Carolina A&T State University.